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1. ATTITUDE OF GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS DAY (JAN 17)
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FOLLOWING UNSYG WALDHEIM'S DEPARTURE REMAINS
CAUTIOUS AND SUSPICIOUS. SOCIALIST TA NEA COMMENTS
THAT SYG'S VISIT DID NOT PRODUCE ANYTHING OF
SUBSTANCE BUT HELPED TURKEY CREATE FALSE IMPRESSION
THAT IT WAS PURSUING NEW POLICY. MASS CIRCULATION
PHILELEFTHEROS CHARGES TURKISH LEADERSHIP OF
FTVEN SUSPICIOUS APPROACH TO THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS,

NOTING THAT AMERICANS ARE ALREADY TALKING OF PROGRESS AND POSITIVE MOVES. RIGHT-WING SIMERINI, WHILE CAUTIONING THAT ECEVIT'S INTENTION IS TO CONVINCE AMERICANS TO LIFT EMBARGO, POINTS OUT THE DANGER OF GOC BEING ACCUSED OF INTRANSIGENCE IF IT FAILS TO RESPOND IMAGINATIVELY TO OUTFLANK TURKISH INITIATIVE. THIS PAPER CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO SEIZE INITIATIVE TO FORCE TURKISH PREMIER TO MAKE GENUINE CONCESSIONS. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI, UNLIKE OTHER PAPERS, SEES WALDHEIM VISIT AND STATEMENTS AS ENCOURAGING TO THOSE WHO INSIST ON SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS PROBLEM WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF UN RESOLUTIONS.

2. IN THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS, MOST EDITORIALS CRITICIZED WALDHEIM FOR HIS FAILURE TO SHOW "IMPARTIALITY" IN NOT USING ERCAN AIRPORT WHILE USING LARNACA AND IN STAYING BOTH NIGHTS ON THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE. PRO-DENKTASH ZAMAN WARNED WALDHEIM NOT TO BRING WITH HIM AN "AMERICAN PLAN" FOR A SOLUTION. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, OTHER EDITORIALS COMPLIMENTED WALDHEIM FOR HIS OPTIMISM ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR A SOLUTION AFTER HAVING MET WITH ECEVIT, AND ANOTHER ZAMAN EDITORIAL WISHED HIM WELL IN ATTEMPTING TO GET THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY TO "ABANDON ITS HOSTILE APPROACH

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TOWARD PEACE AND COME CLOSER TO ACCEPTING THE REALITIES". BOZKURT PRAISED HIM FOR HAVING BROUGHT TOGETHER KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH. ALMOST ALL EDITORIALS EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM IN VARYING DEGREES ABOUT ABILITY OF UN TO SHOW FAIRNESS IN NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT.

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